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SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMENTS ON THE PEACE PROCESS

1. (U) During former President Clinton's June 22 visit to Colombia, a reporter for national television network Caracol asked him if he supported the peace processes with the paramilitaries and the guerrilla groups. Clinton stated:

"Of course, so long as they understand there will be zero tolerance when it comes to the death of innocent people. I believe President Uribe left that very clear. You are doing a good job. Violence, kidnappings and illicit crops have decreased. So you are heading in the right direction. I hope you (Colombia) will be able to create conditions so that there can be a political exit to the conflict in which all groups (FARC, ELN, paramilitaries) may create a peaceful future. Together, you can solve it without violence. And Colombia can be a great country with a cocaine-free economy."

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